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South Carolina Department of Insurance Proposes Bulletin to establish standards for Captive Management Companies

For eight years South Carolina has built a reputation as one of the fastest growing and most accessible and accommodating locations for the captive insurance industry in the U.S. and the world.

To enhance that reputation and lay the groundwork for future growth and success, Director Scott Richardson has proposed a Bulletin establishing clear standards for captive management companies in South Carolina including specific requirements for character, reputation, financial responsibility and insurance experience.

“For years there has been discussion over standards of regulation for captive insurance companies. Clearly, the success of captives starts with maintaining the highest standards for captive management companies. With this bulletin there can be no doubt about what we expect from captive management in South Carolina,” Director Richardson said.

As the number of U.S. domiciles continues to grow, South Carolina regulators hope that their high standards will become accepted industry practice.

Currently anyone wishing to manage captive insurance companies in South Carolina must submit a “Notification to the Director” and meet with captive regulators, who then determine their qualifications to submit applications and manage insurance transactions on behalf of licensed companies.

“In every successful domicile, managers are the regulator’s most valuable asset. South Carolina has been fortunate to have a number of very capable management firms. These standards will support our reputation among the world’s best locations for insurance and financial services,” stated Director Richardson.

Managers will have 30 days to comment. Upon signature of the Director, the standards will be obligatory for all existing managers and future management companies.

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